

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3202

ANSWERED ON:13.08.2001

IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN KRISHNA BASIN

C. SREENVAASAN;GANGASANDRA SIDDAPPA BASAVARAJ;GOWDAR MALLIKARJUNAPPA;IQBAL AHMED
SARADGI;KOLUR BASAVANAGOUD

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have given clearance to the Government of Andhra Pradesh for execution of large and small scale irrigation projects in the Krishna Basin;
- (b) if so, the details of the projects which are under dispute and the reasons for not consulting the affected State before clearing the projects;
- (c) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has started the projects in contravention of the Supreme Court's directions; and
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Union Government in this direction ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

- (a) The Union Government has given clearance to major/medium irrigation projects in Krishna Basin of Andhra Pradesh which are within the allocation made by Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal to Andhra Pradesh.
- (b) to (d) Government of Karnataka has raised objection to the construction of 5 projects namely Srisailem Left Bank Canal, Pulichintala Diversion, Bhima Lift Irrigation, Telugu Ganga and Srisailem Right Bank Canal. Srisailem Right Bank Canal was accorded investment clearance by Planning Commission in 1981. Pulichintala & Bhima Lift were accepted by the Advisory Committee in 1996 subject to certain conditions which are yet to be complied with by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. Therefore, these two projects have so far not been accorded the investment clearance by the Planning Commission. Telugu Ganga & Srisailem Left Bank Canal have not been approved by the Union Government. Irrigation being a State subject, the concerned State Governments are primarily responsible for planning, funding and execution etc. of all types of irrigation projects/ schemes including flood control & drainage from their own resources and as per their own priorities.